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\$100,000 CAMPAIGN

Growth of College Demands Improvements Which This Sum Will Provide.

Last September the Westminster College Board of Trustees, after careful deliberation, decided to inaugurate a campaign for \$100,000, to be secured in Utah and surrounding territory. According to arrangements made at that time the work was formally undertaken on New Year's Day. Through the generosity of a number of Salt Lake men and corporations headquarters were opened on the mezzanine floor of Hotel Utah and well furnished with the things that go with a well equipped office. The office is in charge of Messrs. H. E. Sweitzer and W. H. Gelsthorpe, who are sharing with President Reherd the task of thoroughly organizing the campaign. For the next few weeks a campaign of educational publicity will be conducted through press and mail, and about the first of March an intensive campaign of about ten days will be entered upon to give every one in the State an opportunity to contribute to the fund to be raised.

This is an opportune time to launch such a campaign. Utah was never more prosperous than now. Farming, stock raising, sugar making, mining, are all in an unusually prosperous condition and general business has profited largely from the success of the above industries. It is true that we are all experiencing the pressure of the high cost of living, but nevertheless money has scarcely ever been so plentiful in Utah as at this hour.

The present is an opportune time for such a campaign, because the argument for the need of the \$100,000 was never quite so good as now. In the past few years the college has made itself known and felt in the city and surrounding territory, so that it is not an unknown factor in the life of the State. The steady increase of student body the past three years has made necessary an increase of buildings if the institution is not to be stunted in its growth. This past autumn 20 young men have been housed, sometimes three in a room, in our recitation building, because there was no boy's dormitory to match the splendid girl's home. At the same time it was necessary to hold classes in unsuitable rooms, because no proper places were available. To give room it is absolutely necessary to erect a boy's dormitory, thus freeing for class work the rooms the boys now occupy.

The general public is beginning to realize that Utah must have colleges to satisfy the demands of her varied classes. The University satisfies the demand of a large constituency; but the Mormons have seen fit to establish their Latter Day Saints University in Salt Lake and the Catholics have their All Hallows College not far from the heart of the city. There is still a large

class of Utah people who ask for a Protestant Christian college like those with which they are familiar farther east. To build up such a college is to provide a drawing power for eastern people who may wish to make Utah their home.

The development of such a college will add to the drawing power of Salt Lake as a great educational center. It is impossible to get all of Utah's College students on one campus as a University professor remarked. As great wholesale houses and retail establishments of a certain kind group themselves together in the great cities, so it is well that the best of the various types of Utah schools should group themselves in Salt Lake that the student may make his choice in the capitol of the State.

If there were no other reason for the existence of Westminster it would be a sufficient argument to say that here the young people of the Intermountain region can secure a college training in a christian institution, which provides for them an ideal home. In close touch with cultured teachers they may drink in the refinements of true character while searching for the hidden truths of scholastic lore. In all our complex life there is nothing more important than making noble character.

In general, the purposes to which the campaign fund will be put if the entire amount is raised, are as follows: For buildings, campus improvements, endowment, equipment and current expenses. We need buildings in order that the college may have room in which to do its growing work. Every local resident will be glad to see walks and lawn, trees and shrubbery growing on what a few years ago was vacant field with many a growth of bushes and wild shrubs. A college campus should be a sort of a city park. Every building is an added expense and should have endowment to support it and, it is needless to say that the effort to secure money for special improvements renders temporarily, the task of securing current expense money more difficult.

We bespeak for this campaign the sympathetic interest and help not only of Utah friends but of those all over America who are interested in our unique and important work.

PRICE OF BOARD.

Announcement has been made to the patrons who have sons or daughters in the dormitories that, beginning with the second semester on Jan. 22, the price of living in the dormitories will be raised one dollar a week, making the rates for boys \$5.50 per week and that for the girls \$6.00. This decision was reached by the Board of Trustees after submitting the situation by letter to the patrons and getting a four to one vote in favor of the increased rate rather than to have a change in the bill of fare. We trust it may not be necessary to maintain this advanced price very long, but the doubling of the prices on food products compelled the advance at this time. Inquiry at three other student dormitories in Salt Lake revealed the fact that our rates were lower than any of them for the service we render. Even with the advanced rate we are as low as any and still far below the highest. When one remembers that a dormitory provides special personal care of students it is easy to see that the expense is not limited to the cost of food, light, heat, laundry and repairs. For instance, the special protection afforded girls at a dormitory requires the time of cultured and experienced workers. Plans are being made to assist with special opportunities for work those upon whom the extra expense may seem to be a burden.

FORENSICS.

The debate period has arrived for the current year. The program of last year is somewhat changed. The Foster prize debate will be held during the winter months and from those making the best showing in this debate will be selected the high school and college debate teams. About 20 of the preparatory students responded to the call for debaters, while there is some splendid material in the college classes. A debating club has been organized with E. H. Oliver, pres. and Mabel Rice, secy-treas. The preparatory department has entered the state high school debating league and will debate the following question: "Resolved, That the several states should establish a schedule of minimum wages for unskilled labor—constitutionality waived."

The State University, the State Agricultural College and the Brigham Young University, have each expressed willingness to pit their freshman debating teams against our college team if proper arrangements can be made. Mr. Ralph Lloyd has offered to do what debate coaching he can in justice to his other work. There is certainly an opportunity for our students to stretch themselves on great questions and to develop their platform ability. It is to be hoped that the results will prove that the work is worth while.

THE HOLIDAYS.

Although several students had expected to remain at the dormitory during the holidays, they scattered out in groups until only one remained and she became an office assistant for half time. Most of the faculty kept within shouting distance of the college, but three went to warmer climes. Miss Moore and Miss Schroeder visited friends in California, while Miss Williams returned to her Missouri home for two weeks.

The threatened epidemic of measles did not materialize. The single patient in the dormitory was able to return home in time for Christmas dinner and we had only one case reported from the homes. Two patients are just having a run of the disease, and one girl has the mumps.

Some of the college force were busied with the initial work connected with our museum. Three glass cases were refinished and temporarily installed in the President's office. In them was placed a part of the splendid collection which Dr. Sheldon Jackson secured on his Alaskan trips. These cases, with the 1000 pound ore block so splendidly mounted by Col. Ferry and loaned to the college by his daughter, Mrs. Allen, form the nucleus of what may grow to be a splendid museum. We solicit from friends of the college any specimens which will add interest and value to our collection.

The holidays presented us with the greatest snowstorm in Utah's recent history. For several days the downy white came down until three feet lay all about us. Christmas day traffic was so far suspended that many Christmas dinner parties were deprived of part of their guests. This congestion of snow caught the railroads and street car companies unprepared and the fuel situation became critical. As college opened the cold became more intense. For two days heavy east winds drove across the east and southeast benches where the University, East Side high school and the College are located and numbers of students were badly frostbitten as they buffeted their way against the biting wind. As we go to press the plumbers are almost frenzied in their effort to help the luckless householders whose pipes have frozen, the State legislature is wrestling with the fuel problem, with most of the coal yards empty and the city authorities are working overtime to augment the water supply, cut short by the freezing of streams and lakes. It is certainly a record for Salt Lake City which rarely has zero weather and which is accustomed to have a cold snap followed by thawing weather. This year the ice king has held sway pretty steadily for six or seven weeks. The college has been fortunate in having on hand a large supply of fuel during the trying days, but suffered through the freezing of one radiator and several water pipes. We trust our eastern friends will understand that it is not likely that we can duplicate this story for a good many years to come, so we are telling it while it may be truthfully narrated. The fellow who has been complaining that the seasons have been changing now has his fill of the good old time winter weather when skating, skiing and coasting may be had every day.



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COLLEGE NOTES.

During the autumn the college and collegiate institute students took up the question of one set of colors for both departments and after a process of elimination settled upon purple and gold as the combination little used by colleges and yet yielding itself very effectively to decorative purposes. The demand for pennants and banners has given Spaldings quite a business the past week. A large banner made for the college office now adorns the walls of campaign headquarters in Hotel Utah.

Basket ball is occupying the attention of the devotees of the hoop game. Until February it will be necessary for the team to practice in the Burlington Baptist church gymnasium, several miles across the city. After the first of the month it is hoped that the armory, near the center of the city, may be secured. The season starts off well with the college team winning the first game by a fair margin.

The two glee clubs are to present the fruit of their labors by public entertainments to be given in the near future. The boys' glee club will give a minstrel show on Friday evening, Feb. 2nd, assisted by the orchestra. The girl's glee club will also assist by contributing one number. The proceeds are to provide for new chorus books for the college. Miss Schroeder is getting some good results from the chorus work.

The President is foregoing his usual eastern winter trip this year, that he may stay by the Utah campaign. Incidentally there is no regret on the part of Mrs. Reherd, who does not relish living on a hill with a howling canyon breeze whirling snow all about with no man in the house to keep things in proper winter trim. What to do with a college President's family when he is away raising money for the college is a burning question in more than one quarter. We trust the eastern friends will not forget to send their gifts even if the President is prevented from calling in person for them.

The second semester opened on Monday, Jan. 22, with several new students. The gain in enrollment is already larger than last year's increase.

PRODUCT OF THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE.

Does the Christian college justify its existence? Does it give to the Church and the world the kind of leadership that is needed?

The Church can serve the world only as it is supplied with trained ministers and missionaries, and the Christian college gives to the Church nearly 90 per cent of all its ministers and over 90 per cent of all its missionaries.

But the Church and the world need not only ministers and missionaries but educated and consecrated Christian laymen, who shall carry not only knowledge and skill but also the ideals and principles of the Christian religion into all the affairs of life.

More graduates of the Christian colleges go into business than into the ministry and almost as many devote their lives to teaching, while nearly as many lawyers and physicians as ministers come from the Christian colleges. Is it not important that business men, teachers, lawyers and doctors, shall be trained Christian men?

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BOARD.